

**Waukesha County Cooperation Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
October 24, 2016

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the Waukesha County Cooperation Council was called to order at 4:09pm on October 24, 2016 in the County Board Room of the Waukesha County Courthouse by Chairman Shawn Reilly.

**Present**

*Cities:* Dave Ament, New Berlin; Kathy Chiaverotti, Muskego; Michele DeYoe, Delafield; Tom Hafner, Delafield; David Nold; Oconomowoc; Joel Pieper, Waukesha; Shawn Reilly, Waukesha.

*Towns:* Doug Brahm, Lisbon; Buck Houston, Genesee; Matt Janecke, Lisbon; Sharon Leair, Genesee.

*Villages:* Tim Clark, Lac La Belle; David Cox, Hartland; David De Angelis, Elm Grove; Jeff Knutson, Pewaukee; Dave Lamerand, Hartland; Dave Nagler, Lannon; Neil Palmer, Elm Grove; John Weidl, Mukwonago.

*Other:* Paul Farrow, Waukesha County Executive; Representative Scott Allen, 97<sup>th</sup> Assembly District; Representative Janel Brandtjen, 22<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District; David Craig, 83<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District; Cindi Duchow, 99<sup>th</sup> Assembly District.

**Not Present**

Cities of Brookfield and Pewaukee; Towns of: Brookfield, Delafield, Eagle, Merton, Mukwonago, Oconomowoc, Ottawa, Vernon and Waukesha; Villages of: Big Bend, Butler, Chenequa, Dousman, Eagle, Menomonee Falls, Merton, Nashotah, North Prairie, Oconomowoc Lake, Summit, Sussex and Wales.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2016 meeting was made by Michele DeYoe, seconded by Shawn Reilly. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

***Agenda***

**Panel Discussion and Q&A with Local Legislators:**

Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow introduced the panel of four legislators:

Representative Scott Allen, 97<sup>th</sup> Assembly District;

Representative Janel Brandtjen, 22<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District;

Representative David Craig, 83<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District;

Representative Cindi Duchow, 99<sup>th</sup> Assembly District.

Transportation: Dave Lamerand discussed a concern pertaining to transportation and the transportation budget. There is an impression that the Governor allowing a delay or delaying the projects and cutting the budgets. It is essentially costing more in time, effort and money by

waiting instead of fixing the roads and handling the transportation problems immediately. Reps Brandtjen and Craig both reassured the Council that local I-94 will be done and will not be halted. The exception is the Racine/Kenosha area of I-94 North-South will be delayed under Governor's plan. Representative Craig does not see the DOT as being fully committed to the efficient planning of this particular project and as a policy-maker will not pursue seeking additional funds from his constituents unless he sees a more committed stance from the Governor and the DOT. Rep. Brandtjen also mentioned that the DOT will be audited in the upcoming year and that may affect the efficiencies seen in future projects. Representative Duchow receives a split response of constituents, half want the road projects finished no matter the tax burden, the other half are tired of the increased tax levy and do not want any more taxation at this point.

Liquor Licenses: Tim Clark of the village of Lac La Belle brought up the concern of the limited number of liquor licenses available especially to smaller municipalities. Michele DeYoe of Delafield, cannot get high-end restaurants into Delafield and because these restaurants cannot get Class A licenses. She would like to see more local control given to municipalities regarding these licenses. Rep. Duchow will look into the laws and how to possibly get more local control into the hands of the municipal leaders.

Cell Phone Towers: Joel Pieper, City of Waukesha discussed concerns with a US Cellular tower wants to put a tower in a very established neighborhood and the City is unable to do anything about it due to a fairly recent change that went through the legislature. Constituents are very unhappy. In 2013-14 this change was introduced despite some attempted amendments in the language, it passed without any amendments. Rep. Allen will be attempting to re-introduce a bill to give local municipalities some of this control back.

Flexibility under the levy cap: Flexibility under the levy cap, the legislature has put a cap on the levy on every municipality and it is very difficult for many municipalities who do not have economic growth. Rep. Brandtjen stated that combining services among municipalities is a good way to save money but acknowledged that it may not always be feasible. Constituents do not want their taxes raised and legislators have to take that into account when putting the cap on the levy. John Weidl, Village of Mukwonago – discussed how although shared services benefits the taxpayers the money does not benefit the communities that are actually working together. Is there a possibility that the money saved between neighboring municipalities instead of all of it going to reduce the levy—could some of it go to those municipalities to reallocate elsewhere. Right now there is no real incentive in combining services as the cost savings is just reduced from the municipal levy.

### **Future Topics for Discussion.**

There is still a concern for discussing liquor licenses and new legislation regarding Class A liquor licensure in the legislature. Possible transportation discussion, depending on what is currently occurring in the legislature.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:08pm by Chairman Shawn Reilly. The next general meeting will be at 4:00pm on January 23, 2017 in the County Board Room AC350 of the Waukesha County Courthouse.